

Countywide Community Revitalization Team

Meeting of April 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Palm Beach County Vista Center, Room 1E-60

Minutes

Present:

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority
Jason Bland, San Castle Community Leadership Group
Bobbi Boynton, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Gerald Carsillo, Sun Court Resident
Ruth Moguillansky-De Rose, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Jimmy Francisco, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Ed Frazier, Old Trail Resident
Henry Fuse, Urban League of Palm Beach County
Duane Gainer, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Andy Hartman, P.B.C. Engineering
Anne Helfant, P.B.C. Attorney's Office
Ken Jackson, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Kimberly Johnson, Schall Landing Resident
Kathy King, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group
Marion Kirkwood, Old Trail Resident
Dave Kouns, Elmwood Estates/Roan Lane Resident
Ilene Long, Old Trail Resident
Michael Marquis, P.B.C. Engineering
Chrystal Mathews, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Roy McGinnis, PACE EH/Department of Health
Bilal Mujahid, P.B.C. Water Utilities Department
Michael Owens, P.B.C. School District
Rev. Wayne Padgett, Gramercy Park
David Rafaidus, P.B.C. Community Services
Audley Reid, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Mary Tarr, Old Trail Resident
Houston Tate, P.B.C. Office of Community Revitalization
Deputy Dwayne Thomas, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Thomas Totz, Plantation Estates Community Association
Deputy Mike Tramonte, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Corporal Barry Trombley, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Gail Vorpapel, P.B.C. Code Enforcement
Deputy Michael Walsh, P.B.C. Sheriff's Office
Claudia Williams, Schall Landing Resident

I. Welcome and Introduction:

Mr. Gainer welcomed the group on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, County Administration, and the Office of Community Revitalization to this month's Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting. He introduced himself and asked meeting participants to state their name, organization and/or neighborhood represented for the record.

II. Review of Follow Ups:

A memo summarizing items discussed at the previous CCRT meeting was distributed by William Wynn. Mr. Gainer asked if anyone in attendance was expecting information not contained in the memo. No one responded.

III. Discussion:

- Mr. Gainer reminded CCRT members that funding requests for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 are due to the Office of Community Revitalization (OCR). An e-mail was sent to County Departments last week requesting this information. While it is uncertain whether funding will be available, the OCR needs to know if there is a need for funding to complete projects already approved by the Board. Mr. Gainer requested Cpl. Trombley that the PBSO sends a letter to Mr. Tate requesting funding assistance for Putting Kids First. Cpl. Trombley agreed.

IV. Department Updates:

Michael Marquis, PBC Engineering representative, reported on the following:

- The Cinquez Park road improvement project goes out to bid on April 28; the estimated cost of construction is \$1.2 million dollars.
- The Sun Court road improvement should go out to bid in the next couple of weeks. A brief discussion ensued regarding the bidding process as it relates to project funding.

Michael Owens, PBC School District representative, reported on the following:

- Stacy Street School-060 is on schedule for August; Pahokee projects are on schedule as well.
- Cpl. Trombley requested assistance for the Harmony in the Streets Program. Mr. Owens gave Cpl. Trombley his phone number.

Bilal Mujahid, PBC Water Utilities Department (WUD) representative, reported on the following:

- Pahokee/Canal Point Low Pressure Sewer System – The project is progressing very well; service will be provided to for sixteen (16) different properties, multi-family and

commercial; the system will employ the latest technology of “low pressure” as opposed to a “gravity” system due to the “muck” issues; An informational meeting will be held at the Canal Point Community Center at 6:00 pm on April 23rd; The project should be complete in late July or early August.

- In regards to OCR’s request for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 projects, due to the success WUD has had with CCRT projects, water has been placed in every available area (100 miles of pipe). Mr. Mujahid asked if the OCR would consider “new” areas. Mrs. Mathews responded that OCR is planning to submit the CCRT Reassessment Study and Recommendations Report to the BCC shortly, and that no “new” areas have been added to the list. She further explained that areas need to meet some parameters to be considered a CCRT area. Mr. Mujahid suggested that regardless of “funding availability”, WUD should advise OCR of potential areas of need. Mrs. Mathews asked Mr. Mujahid if he still had information pertaining to which areas had received water. Mr. Mujahid responded that due to the amount of time that has passed (3 years) that he would have to re-create the information. Mrs. Mathews requested the information.
- Requested direction on projects that WUD proposed last year: Bimini Lane, Hach Lane, Wallis North, and Englewood Manor.

Mr. Tate responded that Englewood Manor residents have decided not to move forward with the sewer project due to the high cost of implementation (approximately \$23,000 per property), and thanked WUD for the cost estimate provided. On February 3, 2009, the Board allocated \$87,800 for water improvements on Bimini Lane. Hach Lane improvements were removed from the list of projects to be funded because the project was not eligible for funding through OCR’s program.

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA) representative, reported on the following:

- Two (2) houses were painted in different neighborhoods last Saturday, Limestone Creek and Lake Worth West. REAP students participated.
- This coming weekend is the Great American Clean-up; those who have not received their supplies were directed to contact Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful.
- Also this weekend there will be a Rebuilding Together project in West Palm Beach.
- SWA has received donations of cellular phones, and Ms. Aiken asked to be contacted by those who know any elderly or disadvantaged persons who may need a phone. SWA also has received donations of items such as blankets, granite, toasters, microwaves, etc.

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services representative, stated that the Home Energy Assistance Program mentioned in last month’s minutes has one program for seniors and one for the general public. There is also a “special” category. Mr. Rafaidus offered to arrange a presentation for the group if the group so desired.

Mr. Gainer asked if there were any more Department updates or questions. There were none.

V. OCR Staff Reports:

Chrystal Mathews reported on the following:

- Neighborhood Partnership Grant (NPG) Letters of Intent are due on April 24th. The letters are on the sign-in table. The grant applications are due to OCR on June 19th.

Joanna Aiken of SWA asked Mrs. Mathews how many Letters of Intent had been received so far. Mrs. Mathews replied five or six.

LaToya Ricketts reported on the following:

- There will be a Resource Fair in conjunction with the REAP Graduation to be held at the Airport Hilton on May 9th. Departments and organizations wishing to participate in the fair can find a registration form at the sign-in table.

Mr. Tate gave a “special” recognition to Joanna Aiken for receiving her 20th year of service award. The group applauded Ms. Aiken. A brief discussion ensued regarding the work of Ms. Aiken such as Paint Your Heart Out, the Great American Clean-up and Rebuilding Together.

Mr. Tate also thanked LaToya Ricketts and the REAP participants for their community service project which made the newspaper. In addition, Mr. Tate mentioned an update/e-mail from Brendhan Horne in reference to sidewalks, stating that OCR had met with Traffic, Engineering and MPO to identify funding to move the project forward.

VI. Resident Comments:

Kathy King, Lake Worth West (LWW) Resident Planning Group representative, reported on the following:

- Home Depot employees gave pointers/tips to the residents on home repairs.
- The PBSO Graffiti Team will attend the next LWW community meeting.
- Participating in the Great American Clean-up this Saturday.
- Ms. King presented Ms. Ricketts with a “memento” from the REAP Service Day.

Mr. Tate thanked Kathy King for her work and community leadership.

Gerry Carsillo, Sun Court representative, reported on the following:

- Requested Code Enforcement assistance with an abandoned home in his neighborhood (9200 block) that has been an issue for many years. The landlord lives out-of-state and has been trying to sell the property for quite some time. Mr. Carsillo also mentioned other general code “problems”.

Gail Vorpagel, PBC Code Enforcement representative, explained Code Enforcement staff assignments and complaint processes.

Dr. Jason Bland, San Castle representative, reported on the following:

- Code Enforcement presence is good.
- The community will be participating in the Great American Clean-up on April 26th; They expect 150-200 people; requested assistance in getting positive media exposure for the event.
- The community group has retained a grant writer.
- Requested assistance with replacing the “community sign” that was installed on Overlook Rd. Bobbi Boynton volunteered to help.
- Asked about the “matching funds” component of the NPG. Mrs. Mathews asked Dr. Bland to see her after the meeting.
- Raised \$1,000 for scholarships during their scholarship walk.

Different CCRT members offered suggestions to Dr. Bland for positive media exposure. Mr. Tate asked Dr. Bland to send him a copy of their community newsletter.

Mr. Gainer asked if there were any more resident comments or questions. There were none.

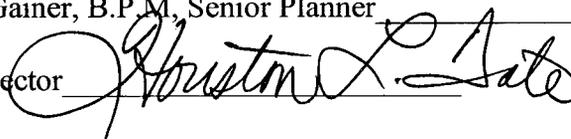
VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting will be on May 12th.

Minutes prepared by: Duane R. Gainer, B.P.M., Senior Planner

Approved by: Houston Tate, Director

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